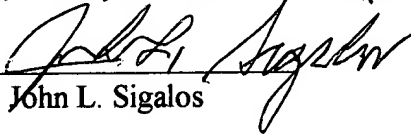


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ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

This is in response to the restriction requirement dated May 7, 2003. In response to such requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-21, with traverse.

REMARKS

It is respectfully pointed out that the restriction requirement is improper and should be withdrawn and an action on the merits issued on all the claims in the application.

First, the products of Group II cannot be made by a different process as alleged by the Examiner. Claims 24 and 25 require that the composite be pyrolyzed by a beam of high frequency microwave radiation. Chemical vapor infiltration does not use any such beam, and, consequently, such process cannot be used to form the products of the instant application. See also pages 3 and 4 of the instant application which discuss the fact that chemical vapor infiltration cannot make ceramic composites having integrally formed therewith at least one metallic element without damaging or destroying the metal.